

4/2/15 Update on Sirenusa Condo Methyl Bromide Release, Cruz Bay, St. John

Today ventilation of Units J upper and lower continued. Air monitoring readings taken prior to ventilation indicated background in J upper and lower. Both units were ventilated for the entire day. Levels of total VOCs directly outside openings to the units were all at background levels. The units will ventilated all day on 4/3, and confirmatory samples (Summa grab samples) will be taken over the weekend.

Results for the wipe samples taken last week will be available early in the week of 4/6.

ATSDR is moving forward with plans to deploy the Epi-Aid team. The formal request package was submitted to OMB on 4/1/15. It is anticipated that OMB will approve the request late today or early tomorrow. ATSDR continues to coordinate with the USVI DOH regarding clearance values for re-occupancy of the effected condominiums. The ATSDR Epi-Aid team is anticipating arrival in the VI on Monday 4/6/15 in the late afternoon. They will meet with EPA and the Sirenusa management companies at the condominium complex on Tuesday morning 4/7/15.

OSC's on St. John continue to work with the condominium management companies to obtain client and employee lists. These lists were provided to ATSDR as a starting point for their investigation. EPA is assisting ATSDR with logistical support.

The REOC continued working with EPA Pesticides and Toxic Substances Branch to evaluate options for management of existing stocks of the fumigant. Stocks of Methyl Bromide have been identified at facilities on St. Thomas and St. Croix, consisting of one cylinder at each of two facilities. In coordination with DPNR, EPA CID, and DOJ secure locations have been identified for both the St. Thomas and St. Croix cylinders. The cylinder on St. Thomas will transported by DPNR and EPA personnel on 4/7, and the St. Croix cylinder will transported to a secure location on St. Croix on 4/8.

R2 REOC remains the point of contact for all EPA's activities related to this incident.

Personnel on-site today included 3 OSCs and 1 RST contractor.

EPA is still working cooperatively with DPNR, EPA CID, DOJ, The St. John Fire Department, St. John Police Department, Terminix, ATSDR, USVI DOH and the condo complex management company.